

SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

January 22nd, 2017

“The God of my rock; in Him will I trust: He is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my Saviour; thou savest me from violence.”

2 SAMUEL 22:3

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Schedule of Services

Sunday School	10:00 am
Sunday Worship	11:00 am
Wednesday Worship	7:00 pm

Happy Birthday!
Gary Borders - January 25th

This evening's featured podcast speaker will be our PASTOR
COL. 3:5—MORTIFYING THE FLESH / MAGNIFYING HIS FAITH

To find our podcast search for the keyword **PurposedGrace** on
 Apple's **Podcast App** or  Google's **Play Music App**

* Our featured sermon is made available every Sunday at 6:00 PM

Please remember Bro. Ray in your prayers, this past Thursday he suffered a heart attack and was released from the hospital yesterday. He is now recuperating at home.

MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE

“...I GIVE UNTO THEM ETERNAL LIFE; AND THEY SHALL NEVER PERISH...” JOHN 10:28

1. ***“My sheep hear my voice”*** says the Good Shepherd

They *hear* Him, according to the *power* of God; The Lord said that the Father *“has given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life”* to as many as the Father has given Him. (JOHN 17:2)

2. ***“I know them, and they follow me”*** says our Good Shepherd

His sheep are *known* of Him, according to the *purpose* of God; The testimony of the Holy Spirit is that they are *“elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father”* and by the *“sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ”* ...are redeemed and cleansed. (1 PETER 1:2)

3. ***“I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish”*** says our Lord

They are *preserved* by Him, according to the *preservation* of God; The testimony of the Holy Spirit is that we are *“kept by the power of God through faith [the perfect faith of CHRIST] unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”* (1 PETER 1:5)

If you can hear Him, rejoice! For thou art greatly blessed of God, beloved.

PASTOR

TRUE REPENTANCE

“TO THE PRAISE OF THE GLORY OF HIS GRACE, WHEREIN HE
HATH MADE US *ACCEPTED IN THE BELOVED*.” EPHESIANS 1:6

True repentance is not merely pressed, squeezed, or extorted by the workings and violent struggles of guilt and wrath, fear and torment; but it flows out under the sin-pardoning operations of the spirit of love, accompanied with the blood of atonement, attended with a believing view of Christ, and of interest in him, and of God’s appearing well pleased and reconciled in Jesus, shining upon us in his blessed face, *accepting us in the beloved*, and blessing us with all spiritual blessings, in heavenly places, in him.

This is repentance unto life, and this is the gift of God.

PASTOR **WILLIAM HUNTINGTON** (1745 – 1813, 69)

MARVEL NOT AT THE WORLD’S HATRED

“ IF THE WORLD HATE YOU, YE KNOW THAT IT HATED ME
BEFORE IT HATED YOU.” JOHN 15:18

Marvel not at the world’s hatred. God’s choice of us is the bone which they cannot endure: “...*because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.*” (JOHN 15:19); especially those professors who make a fair shew in the flesh, but are ignorant of the celestial adorning of the soul.

Man looks at the outward appearance, but God looks at the heart. A demure [modest] countenance, feigned speech, decent behaviour, voluntary humility, reproving others, straining at gnats, sighing under the word, turning up the eyes, prayer meetings, and learning to prate—pass current enough with many. But a deep sight and sense of sin, a wounded spirit, a thirst for the living God, self-loathing, humility arising from a sense of undeserved mercy, meekness, submission under the rod, compunction of soul, a sorrowing after God, being stung with grief for past sins, repentance drawn forth by a believing discovery of the dying love of Christ, to rejoice with trembling, humble confidence, filial fear, cordial affections for the Son of God, and sympathetic fellowship with him in his dolorous [painful] sufferings, which make the King’s daughter all glorious within—these are the spangling jewels which adorn the renewed soul, and which these outside adorners know nothing of, nor care for; and it is these that are in the sight of God of great price.

TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?

“THEN SAID JESUS UNTO THE TWELVE, WILL YE ALSO GO AWAY?” JOHN 6:67

As it was with Peter and the rest of the disciples, so it is with all sensible sinners, and true believers, who see there is no other to go to for life and salvation, but Christ; not to the law of Moses, which accuses, curses, and condemns, and by which there is neither life nor righteousness; nor to any creature, or creature performance, for there is a curse on him that trusts in man, and makes flesh his arm; nor to their own righteousness, which is impure and imperfect, and cannot justify before God, nor answer for them in a time to come; nor to their tears of repentance, which will not satisfy the law, atone for sins, or wash them away; nor to carnal descent, birth privileges, a religious education, sobriety, and civility, to trust to which, is to have confidence in the flesh, which will be of no avail; nor to ceremonial services, or moral duties, or even evangelical ordinances, neither of which can take away sin.

There is no other Saviour, but Christ, to look to; no other Mediator between God and man, to make use of; no other physician of value, for diseased and sin sick souls to apply unto; no other fountain but his blood, for polluted souls to wash in, and be cleansed; no other city of refuge, or strong hold, for souls sensible of danger, to flee unto and be safe; no other to come to as the bread of life, where hungry souls may be fed; no other place of rest, for those that are weary and heavy laden; nor is there any other, where there is plenty of all grace, and security from every enemy, as in him: and therefore, to whom can they have recourse, but unto him?

PASTOR **JOHN GILL** (1697 – 1771, 73)

SIMILARITY.

It is a peculiar happiness to observe, that in matters of spiritual concern, the philosopher and the ploughman (if truly regenerate) have the same feelings, and speak the same language; they all eat of the same spiritual meat, and drink of the same spiritual rock which follows them, and that rock is Christ. Hence that similitude of experience, or to speak figuratively, that strong and striking family likeness, which obtains among the converted people of God, in every period of time, and in every nation under heaven. They all, without exception, feel themselves totally ruined by original sin; they all, without exception, take refuge in the righteousness and cross of Christ, and unite in ascribing the whole praise of their salvation, to the alone free grace and sovereign mercy of Father, Son, and Spirit.

AUGUSTUS TOPLADY (1740 — 1778, 38)